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09NEWDELHI1464	2009-07-15 12:39	2011-08-30 01:44	SECRET//NOFORN	Embassy New Delhi

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SUBJECT: SCENESETTER FOR SECRETARY OF STATE CLINTON'S VISIT
TO INDIA

Classified By: Charge d'Affaires, a.i., Peter Burleigh for Reasons 1.4
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[1](#)1. (SBU) Madame Secretary: Mission India warmly welcomes you to India. This is an opportune moment in the relationship between the world's le

[1](#)2. (SBU) As the Obama Administration's first cabinet Secretary to visit India and meet the new Indian government, you are well-positioned to l
Deliverables on the Overall Relationship, Defense, S&T, and More

[1](#)3. (C) During your visit we plan to announce the formal establishment of a new architecture for our bilateral relationship. You will sign the
A Forward Leaning Government and Cabinet

[1](#)4. (SBU) The strong performance by the Congress Party and its United Progressive Alliance allies in India's national elections in April provic
Reassuring India

[1](#)5. (C) Your visit will be crucial in reassuring India that the relationship is as important to the current administration as it was to the pre
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Ready to Step onto the World Stage

[1](#)6. (SBU) India's goal is to become a regional power and global player. The ambition at the top echelons of the government is readily apparent
But a Few Roadblocks Remain: Bureaucracy

[1](#)7. (SBU) Although the Congress Party's victory set the stage for bolder moves on its foreign policy agenda, serious challenges remain. India's
Poverty and Poor Health

[1](#)8. (SBU) The extreme level of domestic poverty also stands in stark contrast to India's global ambitions. While India's poverty levels have fe

[1](#)9. (SBU) Congress Party leaders attribute its strong showing in the April elections to the close attention it paid to the rural sector during
And Perhaps Most of All, Pakistan

[1](#)10. (C) India's efforts to be the regional power in South Asia and act as a global player face their greatest challenge from India's troubled
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resumption of the formal dialogue process.

[1](#)11. (C) Despite early concerns, the GOI now appreciates Special Representative Holbrooke's active outreach to India on Afghanistan-Pakistan pc

A Burgeoning Power in a Tough Neighborhood

¶12. (C) Elsewhere in the region, the U.S. and India generally share similar goals for stability and democratic governance in Nepal, Bangladesh
New Architecture for U.S.-India 3.0

¶13. (SBU) The major thrust of your visit will be to conclude an agreement on the architecture for dialogues that will form the pillars for our
Science, Technology, Health, and Innovation

¶14. (SBU) Technology and science are common strengths and priorities of our two knowledge-based democracies. The U.S. and India have a close s
Strategic Cooperation

¶15. (SBU) We seek a closer partnership with India on defense, counterterrorism, homeland security, and non-proliferation issues. This pillar c
Growing Defense and CT Partnership

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¶16. (S) In general, the defense relationship is on a strong growth curve despite a variety of frustrations. While the Indian uniformed leader

¶17. (C) Defense sales have risen from near zero in 2004 to over \$2.2 billion already in 2009, with prospects for further expansion. Despite t
Counterterrorism Cooperation

¶18. (SBU) India continues to rank among the world's most terror-afflicted countries. We have seen increased willingness to accept U.S. offers
Energy and Climate Change

¶19. (SBU) The Civil Nuclear Cooperation Agreement was a landmark in the bilateral relationship, both for its non-proliferation consequences as
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¶20. (SBU) In spite of the synergies, our views on climate change differ. Indian officials reject any greenhouse gas emission monitoring or re
Education and Development

¶21. (SBU) We wish to combine U.S. and Indian expertise and knowledge to foster new joint partnerships in education, development, and women's e

¶22. (SBU) Women's Empowerment: The Women's Empowerment Forum (WEF) will provide opportunities to share best practices and partner on relevant
Economics, Trade, and Agriculture

¶23. (SBU) Under this pillar we hope to remove barriers to greater trade and investment between our countries and harness the power of our publ
Your Meetings in Delhi -----
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¶24. (SBU) The senior leaders we have requested look forward to meeting with you: Prime Minister Singh, External Affairs Minister Krishna, Cong
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